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## ABSTRACT

This booklet is intended to aid persons in using the extensive collections of the New York State Library for genealogical research. The library has assembled special files and reference works to help persons in New York State go through the steps necessary to trace their ancestry. As a first step, researchers should study personal family records. A special card file marked "Surnames" will refer them to books or parts of books on a particular family. The second step involves consulting the "Index to American Genealogies" to identify genealogies embodied in local history. When a family name or genealogy cannot be found in the genealogies, a knowledge of the localities where ancestors lived is of great value. At this point the researcher should search through local histories which may reveal names and facts. To help the researcher through this process the booklet contains many different kinds of aids and suggestions. For example, a floor plan of the library is included as well as concise descriptions of how books in the local history and genealogical area are shelved. A section of the booklet entitled "Guide to Research Materials in the Local History and Genealogy Area" describes and contains copies of card files which persons would use to trace their ancestry. A large portion of the booklet contains annotated listings along with library call numbers of helpful resources. Included are listings of genealogical indexes, suggested readings on genealogical research, leading genealogical periodicals, aids in the reference section, state records, local records, and church records.

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# Introduction

The New York State Library was established in 1818 to serve the government and the people of New York State. Today it is a major research library with a collection of over 4.5 million items. These include books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, manuscripts, microforms, and documents. The Library has major research strengths in law, education, medicine, science and technology, United States and New York State history, bibliography, the humanities, psychology, social sciences and economics. The history and genealogy collections are an important part of the State Library.

This booklet, compiled by Adele Jackel and James Corsaro, is intended to aid persons using the collections of the State Library. The Library's new quarters in the Cultural Education Center of The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza provide a comfortable and efficient place to use these collections. We hope you find this booklet useful to you in your research.

Joseph F. Shubert  
State Librarian and  
Assistant Commissioner for Libraries

December 1979

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# Genealogical Research in the New York State Library



The State Library is a major research library serving the government and people of New York State. Library materials and information services are available for use in the Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

From its beginnings as a Dutch trading colony to the twentieth century, New York State has been a gateway to America providing entry and often a home for immigrants from all over the world. As well as a gateway for new Americans, it was the path for the settlement of the West by Yankees from New England. New York's central geographic position and its extensive transportation network developed in the early 19th century opened canals, rivers, turnpikes and railroads to these pioneers. Because it provided a new home for peoples of all nations and races and because it was a stopping point on the way west, New York State is the starting point for many American family histories.

Today the New York State Library can be a gateway to genealogical research just as the State has always been a gateway to America. This booklet is intended to aid persons in using the extensive collections of the New York State Library for genealogical research. It describes the location and arrangement of materials, identifies useful sources, and includes suggestions for organizing your work. A number of helpful books are listed on pages 9, 12. According to Milton Rubincam, who gave the keynote address at the Diamond Jubilee Conference of the National Genealogical Society in August 1978, more than seventy how-to-do-it books of varying quality have come off the press since 1885. His speech, cited on page 12, identifies several books which will be useful to persons doing genealogical research.

Persons using the State Library usually have one or more of the following five objectives in using the collections:

1. To trace their origin back to some particular ancestor, either in this country or abroad.
2. To trace their ancestry along a certain line; usually it is the line of the father, which bears the name of the searcher and leads to the original immigrant of this surname.
3. To trace back all ancestral lines as far as possible, disregarding all members of these families except the direct ancestors.
4. To trace back through any ancestor, regardless of name or sex, in order to join one of the many patriotic societies, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, etc.
5. To trace all the descendants of a given immigrant ancestor, at least to give all who bear the surname. This is the usual form of the larger printed genealogies.

## Forms for record

Regardless of objective, care and consistency in recording information are important. Many forms are used in noting ancestral names and in carrying out genealogical lines. One formerly popular form was in the shape of a tree, earliest ancestors forming the trunk and various lines of descendants the branches. Unless set up on a very large scale, these tree-charts are very difficult to read.

Another form of chart has straight lines leading from the parents to the children. This is a useful way of working out single lines but not satisfactory for the presentation of a full family genealogy. In families with many children, who in turn had large families, such charts become very complicated, and compel omissions or frequent rewriting.

The form of record most used in the latest and best genealogies gives each individual a distinctive serial number. A genealogy containing ten or fifteen thousand names, by this method can be worked out without confusion, even if there are twenty or thirty men or women of exactly the same name, many in the same gen-

eration. Indexing, very important in genealogical research, is facilitated by this method.

Such a form is arranged as follows:

1. Earliest known ancestor  
(Date and place of birth, death, marriage and name of wife with similar data)
2. Name of first child.  
(Date and place of birth, death, marriage and name of husband or wife)
3. Name of second child.  
(As above)
4. Name of third child.  
(As above)
5. Name of fourth child. (As above)
6. Name of fifth child.  
(As above)
2. Name. (date and place of birth, death, marriage and name of wife with similar data)
7. Name of first child.  
(Date and place of birth, death, marriage, and name of husband or wife)
8. Name of second child.  
(As above)
9. Name of third child.  
(As above) and so on

By this method any family, however large, with all its ramifications and inter-marriages, may be worked out, with no danger of confusing those of similar name, and with the greatest ease in tracing a line either backward or forward. The first ancestor and all the descendants as they are enumerated form one consecutive series of numbers. The heads of families also form a series in

proper numerical sequence but these are not consecutive, since many listed among the children died young or left no descendants.

By printing the numbers of the heads of families in bolder type (underlining in typewriting) it is easy to distinguish them on the page. Any given person is always represented by the same number whether his name occurs in the list of children or of heads of families.

By this method, also, whole pages of biography may be interspersed throughout the record, without confusion.

## Material: manuscripts, printed books, archives

Genealogical sources are both written or printed. Typical forms of sources are described here. Many records are also found on microfilm detailed on page 16.

Manuscripts. A variety of manuscript records including family papers, family Bibles, original church vital records, diaries, notebooks, correspondence, land records, etc. are available for research in the 11th floor Manuscripts and Special Collections research room, where also is located a card catalog

to the manuscript collection. This room is described more fully on page 17.

Printed books. Several types of publications are located in the History and Genealogy Reference area on the 7th floor of the State Library. They include examples such as:

Family genealogies, with or without kindred by intermarriage, as Genealogy of the Gleason Family.

Family genealogies, not very numerous, grouped by location, as Colonial Families of Philadelphia.

Local histories, as History of Albany County.

Publications of genealogical societies, such as New England Historical and Genealogical Register, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, National Genealogical Society Quarterly. Publications of historical societies such as the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Vital statistics of any town or locality.

Collections of wills or deeds.

Revolutionary records, or service and pension records of any war, arranged by state or other definite locality.

Lists of colonial immigrants, general catalogs of colleges, biographic dictionaries, membership lists of hereditary

and patriotic societies, parish registers and heralds' visitations (for British lines).

Census records and indexes to censuses, including both Federal and State censuses.

Archives. Many official records of the State contain information of value to the genealogical researcher. Official records of New York State are located in the State Archives on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center. These are described in more detail on page 23.

## Shelf location of books in Local History and Genealogy Area

General. For convenience and economy of shelf space, printed books are divided by height into octavos, quartos and folios.

Octavos are books not over 10 inches tall; quartos are books between 10 and 14 inches and are indicated in the card catalog by "q" prefixed to the book number; folios are over 14 inches and are indicated in the catalog by "f" prefixed to the book number. Appropriate signs on the ends of the stacks indicate locations.

Genealogies. General books on genealogy including genealogical periodicals and handbooks of genealogical research have the class number 929.

Family genealogies, numbered 929.2 follow immediately, both octavos and quartos, after those classed 929.

Almost all of the family genealogies in the possession of the Library are on the shelves in the genealogy area.

Heraldry. Works relating to heraldry, coats of arms, crests, and similar subjects, both octavo and quarto, are shelved near the genealogies. The class numbers are as follows:

- H929. " Names of places and persons
- H929.6 Heraldry in general
- H929.7 Peerage, orders of knighthood, etc.
- H929.8 Coats of arms, crests
- H929.9 Flags  
(See also "Coats of arms and crests.")

Local histories. Local histories, both octavos and quartos, are adjacent to the reading area. These begin with those relating to New England or the North Atlantic states as a group and are followed by the separate states from Maine to New Jersey.

All other states are shelved by class number in further tiers (see floor map).

## Classification of local histories

In some libraries all local histories are arranged in strict alphabetic order, under the state. This is fairly convenient in some of the New England states where the county is of much less consequence than the town. That arrangement for New York State is less practical. The most frequent statement is "My great grandfather came from Dutchess (or some other) county." If the volumes were scattered, it would require detailed knowledge of all towns, old and new in every county.

In this Library, therefore, histories of all localities in any one county are grouped together on the shelves. The searcher who knows the town but not the county, should consult the catalog and get the call number. The catalog will also give references to books which it has been necessary to shelve elsewhere in the library.

The North Atlantic states, including all of New England, are grouped together and numbered as follows:

- H974 The whole group of states, or any large part of them
- H974.1 Maine

- H974.2 New Hampshire
- H974.3 Vermont
- H974.4 Massachusetts
- H974.5 Rhode Island
- H974.6 Connecticut
- H974.7 New York
- H974.8 Pennsylvania
- H974.9 New Jersey

Further subdivisions into cities and counties are shown in the floor guide.

## Method of work

Personal family records should be studied carefully first, since this will facilitate library research work. For effective use of the State Library, we recommend starting with files and reference works assembled to aid researchers. For example, to trace a Bryce genealogy, go first to the card file marked Surnames. Here in alphabetic order will be found notes of books or parts of books on the Bryce family with call numbers showing their location on the shelves.

Next, consult the Index to American Genealogies, with supplement. (H016.929 q138) commonly called "Munsell's," or "Durrie's." This will identify genealogies embodied in local histories.

If the family came to New England in the seventeenth century, information as to the earliest generations can be found in Savage's Ge-

nealogical Dictionary, (H929 S26).

The general index to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (H929 qN54) gives family genealogies up to and including volume 40 (1909). For later volumes, separate volume indexes must be consulted.

The index to volumes 1-50 (1896) of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register (H929 N535) is of the utmost value in finding individual names. The fourth volume of the index includes reference to family genealogies, but the first three volumes list individuals only. Family genealogies up to 1908 in this register are indexed in the supplement to the Index to American Genealogies. (H016.929,q138).

The Daughters of the American Revolution, New York State Chapter, publishes two multi-volume continuing series entitled D.A.R. Cemetery, Church and Town Records (H974.7qD23) and the D.A.R. Bible Records (H929 qD23). These series are indexed in the D.A.R. Master Index, New York State, Genealogical Records (H929qD23m). Also available is the D.A.R. publication Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers buried in New York (H973.3447qA2c), which is indexed in the Revolutionary War Soldiers Graves surname card file.

Where a family name or genealogy cannot be found in the genealogies or in the indexes, a knowledge of the localities where ancestors lived is of great value, as a thorough search, page by page, through local histories may reveal names and facts.

## Coats of arms

Use of coats of arms, in the medieval days in Europe, meant that the head of the family was capable of bearing arms and had given service to his king. The original arms of any family might be "quartered" by intermarriage, or might be changed somewhat by permission of the king for special services performed by any branch.

In America, coats of arms are of traditional interest only. At the same time, any family believing itself entitled to the use of arms should ascertain by a careful tracing of the pedigree to what arms it is entitled. A member of the Ford family, for instance, might be entitled to the use of some one of several Ford coats of arms, or to none at all, if not tracing directly from those families. No one would wish to use a coat of arms, even if of the same name, to which he/she is not entitled.

Mottoes are variable. The head of a family may continue to use, from generation to generation, the traditional motto of the family; but younger brothers and their descendants often have mottoes of their own, even with the same coat of arms.

In the search of coats of arms, the following will be helpful:

Surname card file (includes coats of arms)

Family genealogies of the name desired

Burke. Colonial gentry.  
(H929.799 qB95)

Burke. General armory (description only). (H929.8 qB95)

Burke. Family records.  
(H929.725 B952)

Burke. Landed gentry of Great Britain. (H929.725 qB95 v. I)

Burke. Peerage and baronetage. (H929.72 qB95)

Fairbairn. Book of crests.  
(H929.8 qF16)

Fox-Davies. Armorial families. (H929.72 qF79)

Mathews. Writing table of the 20th century. (H929.6 M42)

Rietstap. Armorial general (text, H929.8 R56); plates, H929.8 qR56).

The Library offers assistance likely to increase the effective use of its collections. Such help is necessarily confined to the indication of the material on any subject in the Library; to the indication of a definite authoritative source for particular information sought or of a specific line or avenue of search and to the preparation of lists of references, or bibliographies on specific subjects. The general charge of the local history and genealogy book collection and its use is assigned to the Humanities Section.

The Library does not undertake genealogical work: it does not compile genealogies. The actual examination of books and periodicals bearing on any particular family or locality must be undertaken in large part by the compiler of the genealogy or by some investigator engaged by him/her. A list of certified genealogists is available from the library.

As genealogical material is often rare and costly, and as the ramifications of kinship usually extend to many sources, such material is essentially of a reference character and is not loaned.

A coin operated photocopy machine is located near the Local History and Genealogy Area and copies can be made for ten cents. Other forms of photoduplication such as photostat and microfilm copying are also available at reasonable cost.

**Assistance  
to readers  
by the  
Library staff**

# Guide to Research Materials in the Local History and Genealogy Area



The 7th floor of the Cultural Education Center is the principal public service floor of the New York State Library. A map of this floor appears on page 10. An information desk is on your left when you enter from the elevators. The Local History and Genealogy Reference Center area is on your right.

The Local History and Genealogy area has a complete microfiche catalog of the holdings of the State Library and several card files or indexes of local history and genealogy materials. These include:

## Card files in the Local History and Genealogy Area

## Microfiche catalog

Microfiche catalog of New York State Library holdings, (Dictionary Catalog) including entries for the following kinds of materials:

Local history books  
Genealogy books  
Author, title, subject  
listings  
Periodicals

Card files entitled:

Surnames (family histories and notations)  
Vital records. N.Y.  
State (arranged alphabetically by county)  
Local history pamphlets and articles  
City directories (United States)  
Revolutionary war graves. N.Y. State  
Schoharie County obituaries index (Schoharie Republican 1828-1870)  
Schenectady 1st Reformed Church records (1692-1945)  
Miscellaneous biographical notations

## THE SURNAMES CARD FILE

The Surnames Card File in the Local History and Genealogy Area identifies books, articles, pamphlets, and manuscripts in the State Library. The following are samples of the several types of cards in that file.

Genealogy (alphabetically by family name) Within the family name, filed chronologically by date of publication.

Article in magazine. Shows publication, volume and page number.

Pamphlet (word instead of number on record line of call number.)

Genealogy. Granberry family (John Granbery, ca. 1616-1689)

1964

H

929.2

Granbery, Julian Hastings.

G7475g7

John Granbery, Virginia, compiled, verified, and edited by Julian Hastings Granbery. New York, Privately published by A. G. Walter, 1964.

xv, 351 p. illus., coats of arms, facsim., 2 fold. geneal. tables, 4 fold. maps, ports. (part col.) 26 cm.

Geneal. tables and maps in pocket.

L.C. copy imperfect: port. on p. 41 wanting.

"500 copies... No. 296".

Includes bibliographical references.

H

1. Granbery  
CS71.G755 1964

family.

64-66086

975.5

Johnson family

W71

Johnson family. (In: William and Mary quar. 1912.  
21:44-47. 1913 22:277-279)

X929.2

Greene family

Greene

Parker, Mary Ann

A supplement to Descendants of Hermon E. Greene,  
1853-1930, "The Greene's of Rhode Island."

48, viip

Includes notes on Byram and Swift families.

JC12466

Dingman family  
Bouton, Eugene  
Papers. (Box 2, folder 2)

Manuscript materials. These materials are available on the 11th floor. This card indicates the manuscript accession number.

New York (State) Albany County

A974.742 Gale, Lydia Hammond.

qAgl5.

An index of Albany County records covering materials within the dates 1630-1930... by Lydia Hammond Gale... [Albany? 1933]

9p. f., 2-137 numb. f. 28 1/2 cm.

"No. 6"

Thesis (M. S.)--New York state college for teachers.

#### THE VITAL RECORDS CARD FILE

The Vital Records Card File indexes sources of county, and other local birth, baptism, and death records.

County - File is arranged alphabetically by county.

H

New York (State) Albany

A974.743 Albany. First Church (Reformed)

fR3fr Records of 1st Reformed Church at Albany, 1805-1825.

1805-25 [Albany, 1930]

91 p. 38 cm.

Photostat copy (negative) made by the New York State Library in 1930 of original baptismal and marriage records.

1. Registers of birth, etc. Albany, N. Y. H. L. New York (State) Albany.

City, town or community - Filed alphabetically within county.

H

N63

## Location code letters found in call numbers

Location code letters found in call numbers are as follows:

- H - indicates that the book is located in the Local History and Genealogy area.
- R - indicates that the book is located in the Reference Collection on the 7th floor.
- A - indicates that the book may be located on the 11th floor, Manuscripts and Special Collections area.

## Genealogical indexes

H929  
A51bi

The American genealogical-biographical index to American genealogical, biographical and local history ma-

terials. 1952- v. 1- title index in volume one; supplementary consolidated title indexes in some volumes. Call numbers are not indicated for all titles; use genealogy catalog for obtaining needed call numbers; used in conjunction with following title:

H929  
qA51i

The American genealogical index. 1942-1952. 48v. (Used in conjunction with preceding title; volumes withdrawn as replaced by later edition.)

H  
016.929  
q138

Index to American genealogies; and to genealogical material contained in all works such as town histories, county histories, local histories... I v. Albany. Joel Munsell's sons. 1900.

H  
016.929  
q138

Supplement 1900 to 1908 to the Index to genealogies published in 1900. 2 v. Albany. Joel Munsell's sons. 1908.

## Suggested readings on genealogical research

This is a selected list only.

For specific titles please check the microfiche catalogs.

H  
929.1  
A51

American Society of Genealogists. Genealogical research, methods and sources. 2v. Washington. 1960, 1971.

929.1  
B368  
78-26290

Beard, Timothy Field with Denise Demong. How to find your family roots. New York. McGraw-Hill. 1977.

H929.1028  
B631  
77-36796

Blockson, Charles L. and Ron Fry. Black genealogy. Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Prentice-Hall. 1977.

H929  
B471

Bennett, Archibald. A guide for genealogical research. Salt Lake City. 1951.

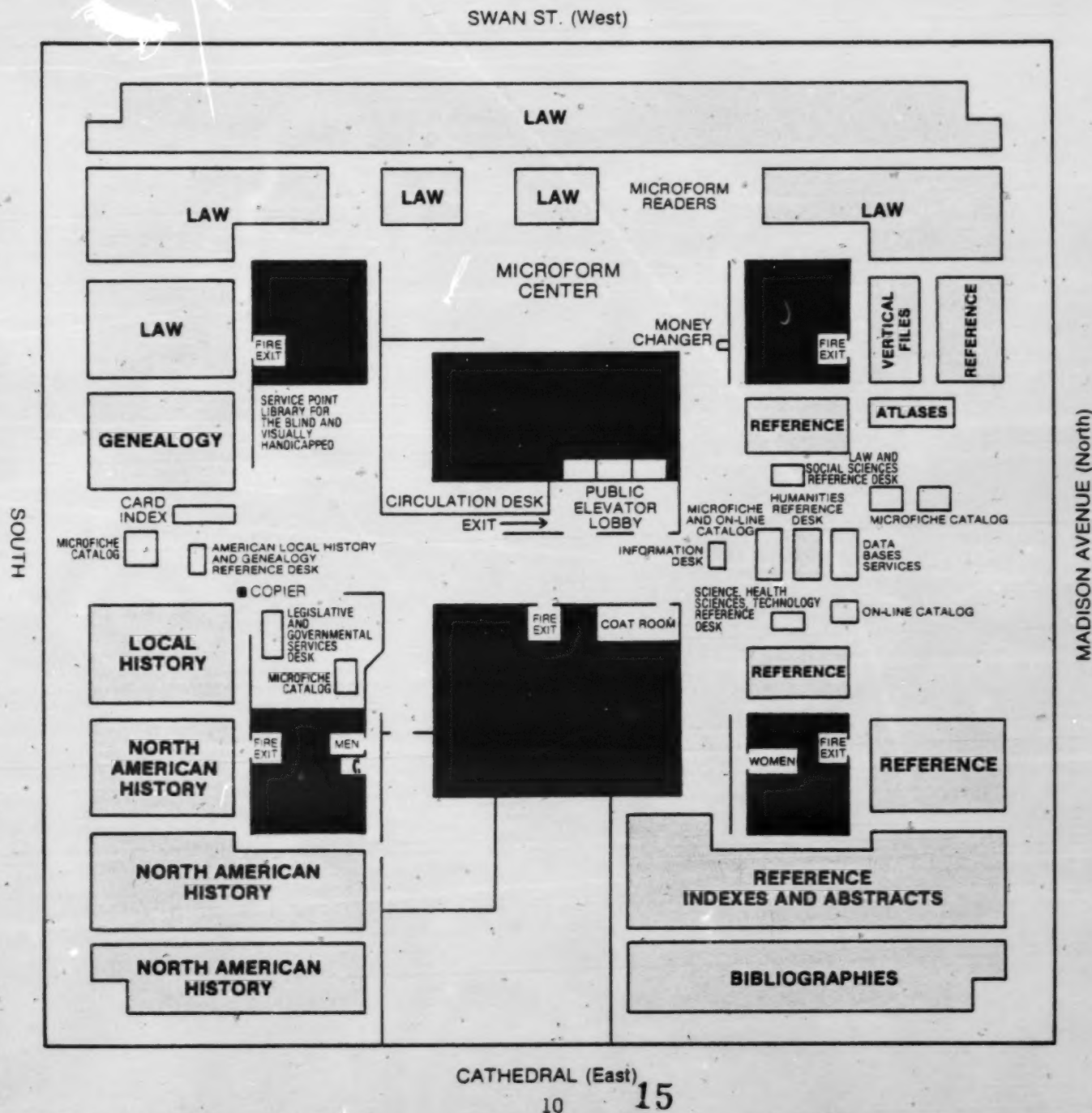
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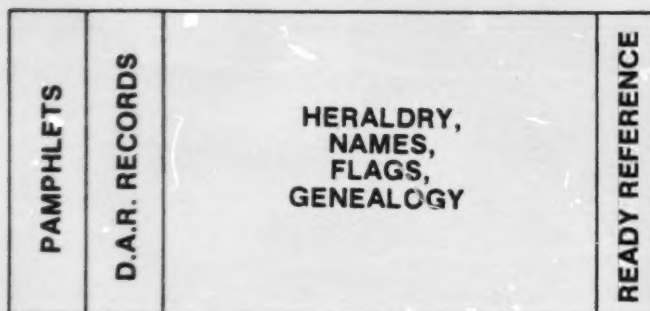
British Travel and Holidays Association. Tracing your ancestors in Britain. New York. British Travel Association. (1954?).

H929  
D63a2  
1973

Doane, G.H. Searching for your ancestors, the how and why of genealogy. Minneapolis. University of Minnesota Press. 1973.

# The New York State Library Seventh Floor





# American Local History and Genealogy

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AND GENEALOGY  
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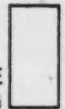
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A5122

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H929  
qD48

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H929.105  
qG326

Genealogical helper

H929  
qN27

National genealogical society  
quarterly

H929  
N535

New England historical and  
genealogical register

H929  
qN54

New York genealogical and  
biographical record

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Publications of numerous fam-  
ily organizations

See also entries in microfiche  
catalog for:

Biography

Deeds

Family records

Registers of birth, etc.

Heraldry

Visitations Ecclesiastical

Visitations Heraldic

Wills



## Aids in the Reference Collection



R  
920.073  
qA65

Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography. Good source for 19th century (and earlier) information about prominent Americans.

R  
920.073  
qD55

Dictionary of American biography. Parents, wives and children generally are included in biographical sketches of eminent Americans. Excellent bibliography at the end of each article.

R  
920.042  
D552

Dictionary of national biography. Great Britain. Useful in tracing title and family in England.

R  
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fA51

Gregory, Winifred, American newspapers 1821-1936. Useful in locating obituaries. Kraus reprint 1967 (orig. 1837)

R  
396.09  
An8

Notable American women 1607-1950; a biographical dictionary. Similar in format to the Dictionary of American biography.

RT  
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# The Microform Center



Microforms of census materials, many newspapers, periodicals, indexes and other materials are kept together in the microform area on the 7th floor. These include the following:

Federal Census: 1790-1880

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N.Y. State Census for the following areas and years:

Albany 1855, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '92, 1905

Chautauqua 1825, '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '92, 1905

Columbia 1855, '65, '75, 1905

Fulton 1845, '55, '65, '75, 1905

Greene 1855, '65, '75, '92 (inc. 1905)

Hamilton 1892

Madison 1855, '65, '75, '92, 1905

Montgomery 1865, '75, '92, 1905

Rensselaer 1855, '75, 1905

St. Lawrence 1815 (inc. 1850, '65), 1845

Steuben 1825, '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '92, 1905

Warren 1855

Washington 1825, '35, '55, '65, '75, '92, 1905

All of New York State 1915, 1925

This listing represents the entire census holdings of the New York State Library. The New York State Archives, located on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center, has original census returns for 1915 and 1925 for the entire State, and for Albany County for 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1892, and 1905. For the location of New York State Census in other places, please consult librarian.

City Directories in microform (unclassified)

## NEWSPAPERS IN MICROFORM

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G283  
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Gavit, Joseph. American deaths and marriages, 1784-1829. Hudson & Mohawk Valleys, mainly.

H-FM  
974.7  
Q3

Queens College, Flushing, N.Y. Records of wills. Albany. Microfilm, 11 reels.

Microcard  
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Boston Transcript. Genealogy Columns 1913-1941. Microfiche.

H-FM  
929.05  
H328

Hartford Times. Genealogy Columns 1957-1967. Microfiche.

# Genealogical Research in Manuscripts and Special Collections



The Manuscripts and Special Collections research room on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. As the research materials are both rare and valuable, there are certain restrictions on their use and almost none of the material is available for circulation. An information-registration form for research patrons to read and complete is available in the research room.

Some sources of genealogical information are the following:

1. Manuscripts Collection which includes papers of various families such as correspondence, diaries, business and land papers. Access to these collections is through the manuscripts card catalog and typed finding aids to the collections found in the research room. There is no surname index to these collections.

2. Cartographic Collection including especially county

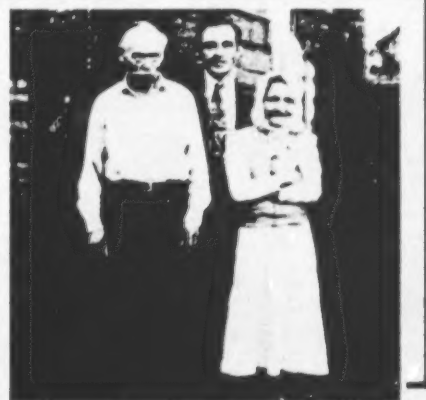
maps (ca. 1850-1870) and county atlases (ca. 1860-1880) which often show names of persons. There are very few maps and atlases for other years than those mentioned above which include personal names. The maps and atlases are accessed by card catalogs with entries filed by geographical location.

3. Various other collections, including rare books, prints, broadsides and sheet music, all of which, though not primarily genealogical research material, may be useful in completing or illustrating the text of a genealogy.

4. Printed book catalogs and bibliographies of collections in other libraries which may be helpful in locating primary research materials.

5. Microfilm copies of the Federal mortality schedules of New York State for 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. These schedules cover only those previous to the census e.g. June 1, 1850, not the entire decade.

# Guides to New York State and Local Records



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A  
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A84  
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A  
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H656  
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012  
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H  
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N5482

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State Library. Bulletin 58. March 1902. History 6...) "Executive minutes of the Council...prepared by Mr. Berthold Fernow, keeper of historical records, shortly before his resignation April 1, 1889, and...intended to form with other calendars an additional volume of the series of Documents relative to the colonial history of the State of New York." (by A.J.F. van Laer)

H  
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N548  
1968

New York (Colony). New York marriages previous to 1784. A reprint of the original edition of 1860 with additions and corrections including supplementary lists of marriage licenses by Robert H. Kelby, New York marriage licenses, 1639-1706 with index by Kenneth Scott. Baltimore. Genealogical Publishing Co. 1968.

H  
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New York (State) Secretary of State. Calendar of historical manuscripts in the office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y. Ed. by E.B. O'Callaghan. 2 v. Albany. Weed, Parsons and Co. 18654. (v. 1. Dutch Manuscripts, 1630-64. -v. 2 English manuscripts 1664-1776.) (Records transferred to New York State Library in 1881.

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N55

New York (State) Secretary of State. Calendar of N.Y. colonial manuscripts, indorsed land papers; in the office of the Secretary of State of New York. 1643-1803. Albany. Weed, Parsons and Co. 1864. (Manuscripts transferred to New York State Library in 1924.)

H  
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Catalogue of maps and surveys, in the office of the Secretary of State, State Engineer and Surveyor, and Comptroller, and the New York State Library. Printed by order of the Assembly and under the direction of the Secretary of State, 1851, and revised, corrected and enlarged by order of the Assembly and under the direction of the Secretary of State, by David E. E. Mix, C.E. Albany. Printed by C. Van Benthuyssen. 1859.

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New York (State) State Library. ...Calendar of the six William Johnson manuscripts in the New York State Library, comp. by Richard E. Day... Albany. University of the State of New York, 1909. (New York State Library Bulletin no.8) ("Comp. by Richard E. Day under the supervision of Mr. A.J.F. van Laer, archivist of the State Library." Original records suffered considerable damage in 1911 State Capitol Fire).

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A  
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B155

Bailey, Rosalie Fellows. Guide to genealogical and biographical sources for New York City. (Manhattan) 1783-1898 New York. Author. 1954. (Numerous official series are included.)

A  
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C287

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H  
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K553  
1976

Christoph, Peter R. with Kenneth Scott and Kenn Stryker-Rodda. New York historical manuscripts: Dutch. Kingston Papers. 2 v. Baltimore. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1976.

H  
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qH66

Hinshaw, William Wade. Encyclopedia of American Quaker genealogy. v.3. New York City and Long Island. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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H67gn

Historical Records Survey. New York (City) Guide to manuscript depositories in New York City. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration. New York City. 1941. (A few local records included.)

H  
974.71  
qH672

Inventory of the county and borough archives of New York City. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration... New York. Historical Records Survey. 1939-42.

H  
974.742  
qAh66

Historical Records Survey.

New York (State). Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Women's Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration; no. 1. Albany County. (Albany) Albany. Historical Records Survey. 1937.

H  
974.775  
qAh66

Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration; no. 3 Broome County (Binghamton) Albany. Historical Records Survey. 1938.

H  
974.794  
qAh67

Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration; no. 4. Cattaraugus County (Little Valley). Albany. Historical Records Survey. 1939.

H  
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qAh67

Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) prepared by the Historical Re-

cords Survey, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration; no. 6. Chautauqua County (Mayville). Albany. Historical Records Survey. 1938.

H  
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qAh67

Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) prepared by the Historical Records Survey, division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration no. 7. Chemung County (Elmira) Albany. Historical Records Survey. 1939.

A  
974.734  
qAh67

Inventory of the county archives of New York State (exclusive of the five counties of New York City) no. 51 Ulster County... 2 v. Albany. Work Projects Administration, Historical Records Survey. 1940-.

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H  
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K552

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H  
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Historical Records Survey. New York (City). Guide to vital statistics in the City of New York, boroughs of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Richmond. Churches. Sponsored by Fiorello H. La Guardia, Mayor of the City of New York. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Works Projects Administration for the City of New York. New York. 1942.

H  
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Inventory of the church archives in New York City. Eastern orthodox churches and the Armenian Church in America. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Works Project Administration. New York City. 1940.

H  
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Inventory of the church archives in New York City. The Lutheran Church. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Works Projects Administration. New York. The Survey. 1940.

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Inventory of the church archives of New York City. Protestant Episcopal Church, diocese of Long Island... Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration. New York. 1 v. The New York City Historical Records Survey. 1940-

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Inventory of the church archives of New York City. Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, diocese of New York, Manhattan, Bronx, Richmond. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration. 1v. New York. 1940-.

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Inventory of the church archives of New York City. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration. Reformed Church in America. New York. The Historical Records Survey. 1939.

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qH672f

New York City church archives. Religious Society of Friends. Catalogue. New York. Historical Records Survey. 1940.

H  
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qR7

Inventory of the church archives in New York City. Roman Catholic Church. Archdiocese of New York... Prepared by the New York City WPA, Historical Records Survey, Division of Community Service Projects. 2 v. New York City. (Bronx, Manhattan, Richmond). 1941.

## Other Records with Genealogical Information



The New York State Library's genealogical sources are complemented by State government records in the New York State Archives and in State agencies, local government records, and materials in historical societies and the collections of local historians.

### State Archives

The New York State Archives in the Office of Cultural Education, State Education Department, was established by the Legislature in 1971 to preserve and make available those official government records with sufficient value to warrant continued retention by the State. The Archives program became operational in 1978 when it moved to permanent quarters on the 11th floor of the Cultural

Education center adjacent to the Library's Manuscripts and Special Collections Section. The Archives shares the 11th floor research room with this Section of the Library. The Archives took over custody of State government records formerly on deposit in the Library, and it also acquires historically valuable records from State agencies.

Currently, the Archives holds records dating from the Dutch colonial period through the early 1970's. Most series in the Archives contain some personal, genealogical, or family history material. Some examples of Archives holdings used by genealogists include State census records for 1915 and 1925; military service records from the Revolution and War of 1812; alien deposition records, 1825-1913; and maps and land papers from the colonial era through the nineteenth century. Researchers should write or call before visiting the Archives for advice on relevant records series, restrictions, and copying and other services. Contact: State Records Section, State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230, phone: 518-474-8955.

## Other State government records

Records with useful genealogical information are found in many State government agencies. For instance, the State Health Department maintains records of births, deaths, and marriages from the 1880's to the present and the Division of Military and Naval Affairs has military service records for New Yorkers serving during the Civil War, the two World Wars, and other periods. For further information, contact the State Records Section, State Archives, Cultural Education Center, 11th floor, Albany, New York 12230, phone: 518-474-8955

## Local government records

Local government records often include considerable genealogical information. Among the most useful materials are real property deeds, mortgages, maps, court transcripts, state census returns, election books, minutes, and payrolls. The State Archives has important supervisory responsibilities over local government records in New York State outside of New York City and can furnish additional information on genealogical sources in local records, contact: Local Records Section, State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230, Phone: 518-474-6926.

## Records in historical societies, museums, or local historians' collections

Many historical societies and other local institutions and town, village, city, and county historians have or know of local records and other material of potential value to researchers. The Division of Historical and Anthropological Services, New York State Museum, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230, phone: 518-474-5375 can furnish a directory of historical societies in New York State and other information on the availability of local sources.

## General Information

### LIBRARY HOURS AND SERVICES

The New York State Library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The New York State Library is a research library serving the government and the people of the State. Its collection totals 4.5 million

items, including books, periodicals, newspaper, maps, manuscripts, microforms, and documents. Research strengths have been developed in law, education, medicine, science, and technology, United States and New York State history, bibliography, the humanities, psychology, social sciences, and economics.

Many of the materials are used in the Library and are not loaned. The collection is made available to the entire State through the New York State Interlibrary Loan (NYSILL) network. This interlibrary loan service is available through your local public library or other library.



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| County       | Taken From            | Date of Erection |
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| Albany       | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Dutchess     | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Kings        | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| New York     | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Orange       | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Queens       | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Richmond     | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Suffolk      | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Ulster       | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Westchester  | Original              | Nov. 1, 1683     |
| Montgomery   | Albany                | Mar. 12, 1771    |
| Washington   | Albany                | Mar. 12, 1772    |
| Columbia     | Albany                | Apr. 1, 1786     |
| Clinton      | Washington            | Mar. 4, 1788     |
| Ontario      | Montgomery            | Jan. 27, 1789    |
| Rensselaer   | Albany                | Feb. 7, 1791     |
| Saratoga     | Albany                | Feb. 7, 1791     |
| Herkimer     | Montgomery            | Feb. 16, 1791    |
| Otsego       | Montgomery            | Feb. 16, 1791    |
| Tioga        | Montgomery            | Feb. 16, 1791    |
| Onondaga     | Herkimer              | Mar. 5, 1794     |
| Schoharie    | Albany and<br>Otsego  | Apr. 6, 1795     |
| Steuben      | Ontario               | Mar. 18, 1796    |
| Delaware     | Ulster and<br>Otsego  | Mar. 10, 1797    |
| Rockland     | Orange                | Feb. 23, 1798    |
| Chenango     | Tioga and<br>Herkimer | Mar. 15, 1798    |
| Oneida       | Herkimer              | Mar. 15, 1798    |
| Essex        | Clinton               | Mar. 1, 1799     |
| Cayuga       | Onondaga              | Mar. 8, 1799     |
| Greene       | Albany and<br>Ulster  | Mar. 15, 1800    |
| St. Lawrence | Clinton               | Mar. 3, 1902     |
| Genesee      | Ontario               | Mar. 30, 1802    |
| Seneca       | Cayuga                | Mar. 24, 1804    |

| County      | Taken From                       | Date of Erection |
|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Jefferson   | Oneida                           | Mar. 28, 1805    |
| Lewis       | Oneida                           | Mar. 28, 1805    |
| Madison     | Chenango                         | Mar. 21, 1806    |
| Broome      | Tioga                            | Mar. 28, 1806    |
| Allegany    | Genesee                          | Apr. 7, 1806     |
| Cattaraugus | Genesee                          | Mar. 11, 1808    |
| Chautauqua  | Genesee                          | Mar. 11, 1808    |
| Franklin    | Clinton                          | Mar. 11, 1808    |
| Niagara     | Genesee                          | Mar. 11, 1808    |
| Cortland    | Onondaga                         | Apr. 8, 1808     |
| Schenectady | Albany                           | Mar. 27, 1809    |
| Sullivan    | Ulster                           | Mar. 27, 1809    |
| Putnam      | Dutchess                         | June 12, 1812    |
| Warren      | Washington                       | Mar. 12, 1813    |
| Oswego      | Oneida and<br>Onondaga           | Mar. 1, 1816     |
| Hamilton    | Montgomery                       | Apr. 12, 1816    |
| Tompkins    | Cayuga and<br>Seneca             | Apr. 7, 1817     |
| Livingston  | Genesee and<br>Ontario           | Feb. 23, 1821    |
| Monroe      | Genesee and<br>Ontario           | Feb. 23, 1821    |
| Erie        | Niagara                          | Apr. 2, 1821     |
| Yates       | Ontario                          | Feb. 5, 1823     |
| Wayne       | Ontario and<br>Seneca            | Apr. 11, 1823    |
| Orleans     | Genesee                          | Nov. 12, 1824    |
| Chemung     | Tioga                            | Mar. 20, 1836    |
| Fulton      | Montgomery                       | Apr. 18, 1838    |
| Wyoming     | Genesee                          | May 14, 1841     |
| Schuyler    | Chemung, Steuben<br>and Tompkins | Apr. 17, 1854    |
| Nassau      | Queens                           | Jan. 1, 1899     |
| Bronx       | New York                         | Jan. 1, 1914     |